

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:

downloading an email forwarding engine from a server computer to a client personal computer, the downloaded email forwarding engine including instructions for

examining start criteria, the start criteria being independent of email stored in an email datastore;

determining whether the start criteria are met;

obtaining new email events from [[an]] the email datastore when the start criteria are met;

forwarding information corresponding to the new email events via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server;

comparing the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with start criteria stored on the server; and

synchronizing the start criteria stored on the client personal computer and the start criteria stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer including a client software for downloading to a client personal computer, the client software including

a client configuration engine configured to determine whether start criteria are met, the start criteria being independent of email stored on an email datastore, the client configuration engine also being configured to compare the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with start criteria stored on the server and to synchronize the start criteria

stored on the client personal computer with the start criteria stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween;

a retrieval engine, coupled to the client configuration engine, configured to receive new email events from ~~[[an]]~~ the email datastore;

a data transmitter, coupled to the retrieval engine, configured to forward the information corresponding to the new email events via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:

establishing a communications channel between a server and a client personal computer system;

downloading, to the client computer system, an email forwarding engine;

receiving information corresponding to new email events from the client computer system;

storing the information corresponding to the new email events in a datastore associated with the server;

forwarding the information stored in the datastore associated with the server to an appropriate client personal computer; and

~~providing comparing~~ start criteria stored on the server ~~for comparison~~ with start criteria stored on the client personal computer, the start criteria stored on the server and the start criteria stored on the client personal computer being independent of the information stored in the datastore,

wherein the start criteria of the client personal computer is synchronized to the start criteria of the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer including a datastore and a client software for downloading to a client personal computer, the client software including

a retrieval engine to retrieve new email events from an email datastore, and

a client configuration engine configured to determine whether start criteria are met, the start criteria being independent of email stored on an email datastore, the client configuration engine also being configured to compare the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with start criteria stored on the server and to synchronize the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with the start criteria stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween;

the server being configured to establish communications with the client computer system, receive information corresponding to new email events from the client computer system, store the information corresponding to the new email events in the datastore, and convey the information stored in the datastore to an appropriate client personal computer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:

downloading an email forwarding engine from a server computer system to a client personal computer, the downloaded email forwarding engine including instructions for

obtaining filter control data, the filter control data being independent of email data;

examining the email data against the filter control data;

determining the email data that will be forwarded based on the examination;

selecting at least one transfer protocol for the email data based on the examination;

forwarding the email data according to the at least one transfer protocol via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server;

comparing the filter control data stored on the client personal computer with filter control data stored on the server at predetermined time intervals; and

synchronizing the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control data stored on the server when a difference is detected between therebetween.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer including a client software for downloading to a client personal computer, the client software including

a filter configured to examine email data against filter control data, for selecting email data based on the examination, and configured to determine at least one transfer protocol for the email data based on the examination;

a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, configured to forward the email data according to the at least one transfer protocol via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server; and server software that forwards the forwarded email data to a remote device;

a client configuration engine configured to compare the filter control data stored on the client personal computer with a filter control data stored on the server and configured to synchronize the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control data stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween,

wherein the filter control data stored on the client personal computer and the filter control data stored on the server are independent of the email data.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:

downloading a computer program from a server computer system to a client personal computer, the downloaded computer program including instructions for

obtaining filter control data, the filter control data being independent of email data;
examining the email data against the filter control data;
determining based on the examination the email data that should not be forwarded;
generating receipt data identifying the email data that should not be forwarded;
forwarding the receipt data via a computer network to a datastore associated with the
server;

comparing the filter control data stored on the client personal computer with filter
control data stored on the server; and

synchronizing the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter
control data stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer including a client software for downloading to a client personal
computer, the client software including

a filter configured to examine email data against filter control data, the filter control
data being independent of the email data, and configured to determine, based on the
examination, the email data that will not be forwarded;

a receipt generator, coupled to the filter, for generating receipt data identifying the
email data that should not be forwarded;

a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, for forwarding the receipt data via a computer
network to a datastore associated with the server; and

a client configuration engine configured to compare the filter control data stored on
the client personal computer with filter control data stored on the server and configured to
synchronize the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control
data stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claims 9-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the downloaded email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the email events include emails.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 2, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 2, wherein the downloaded email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 2, wherein the email events include emails.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 3, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 3, wherein the email events include emails.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 4, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 4, wherein the email events include emails.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 5, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 5, wherein the downloaded email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 6, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 6, wherein the downloaded email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 7, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 8, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.